

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-17 (Cancelled)

18. (NEW) A device for treating a disease of a heart, the device comprising:
a jacket adapted to be secured to said heart and adapted to be adjusted on said heart to snugly conform to an external geometry of said heart to constrain circumferential expansion of said heart during diastole and permit substantially unimpeded contraction of said heart during systole,

wherein said jacket comprises fibers, wherein said fibers are non-expandable, and wherein said jacket is expandable.

19. (NEW) The device according to claim 18, wherein said fibers form a knit material.

20. (NEW) The device according to claim 18, wherein said knit material have directional expansion properties.

21. (NEW) The device according to claim 18, wherein said fiber material is selected from polyester, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), expanded PTFE (ePTFE), polypropylene and stainless steel.

22. (NEW) The device according to claim 18, wherein said jacket is configured to constrain at least a lower portion of the heart.

23. (NEW) The device according to claim 18, wherein said jacket circumferentially surrounds said heart.